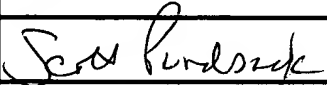


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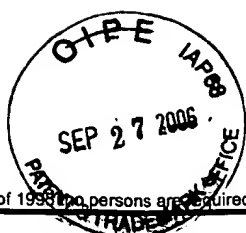
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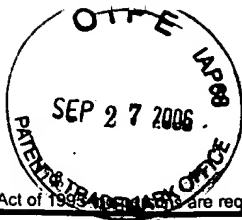
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In claim 23, line 16, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 23, line 20, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 23, line 35, delete "between".

In claim 25, column 33, line 64, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 25, column 34, line 3, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 25, column 34, line 18, delete "between".

In claim 26, line 44, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 26, line 48, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 26, line 63, delete "between".

In claim 29, column 35, line 32, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 29, column 35, line 36, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 29, column 36, line 7, delete "between".

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**Remarks**

The errors in the References Cited section were an omission on the part of the Patent Office. Some of the omitted references were submitted by the Applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 22, 2002, considered by the Examiner on January 14, 2004 and returned to the Applicants with an Office Action mailed March 20, 2003. Copies of this Office Action and initialed Information Disclosure Statement are attached to this request. The Applicants note that these documents are also not contained in the Image File Wrapper for this application and request that they be added to the Image File Wrapper. The remainder of the omitted references were listed on a Notice of References Cited prepared by the Examiner on form PTO-892, copy attached, which was enclosed with an Office Action mailed July 23, 2002.

The errors in the claims were caused by the Applicants. The initial portion of claims 23, 25, 26 and 29 were copied from claim 1 and should be the same as claim 1. However, the errors to be corrected were made.

The Patentee submits that the errors in the claims relate to minor typographical mistakes which occurred in good faith. The Applicants further submit that correction of the errors will not introduce new matter or require re-examination.

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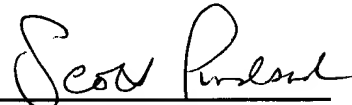
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Respectfully submitted,

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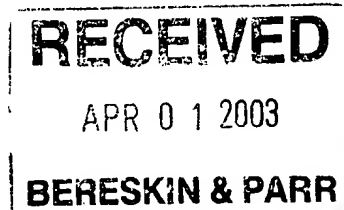
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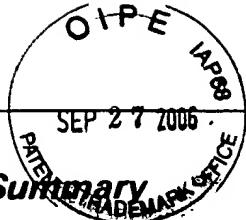
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- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
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- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
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- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
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## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
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1. The specification is objected to because of the following:

If applicant files more than one application for the reissue of a single patent, each such application must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification a notice stating that more than one reissue application has been filed and identifying each of the reissue applications by relationship, application number and filing date. See 37 CFR 1.177(a).

Suggested notice is as follows:

“Application 09/975,220 filed October 11, 2001, and copending application 09/333,669 filed June 15, 1999, are each reissues of U.S. Patent No. 5,639,373 (Application No. 08/514,119 filed August 11, 1995).”

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 11/21/02 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 5,783,083 and RE37,549 and any patent granted on pending Application No. 09/621,234 and Application No. 09/849,573 and Application No. 10/178,838 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

3. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1), a supplemental reissue oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) must be received before this reissue application can be allowed.

Claims 1-30 are rejected as being based upon a defective declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251. See 37 CFR 1.175. The nature of the defect is set forth above.

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Receipt of an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) will overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251. An example of acceptable language to be used in the supplemental oath/declaration is as follows:

"Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant."

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Kim whose telephone number is (703) 308-2350. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda Walker, can be reached on (703) 308-0457. The fax phone number for official response after final action is (703) 872-9311, and the fax phone number for all other official faxes is (703) 872-9310.

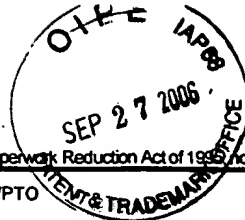
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In claim 23, line 16, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 23, line 20, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 23, line 35, delete "between".

In claim 25, column 33, line 64, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 25, column 34, line 3, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 25, column 34, line 18, delete "between".

In claim 26, line 44, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 26, line 48, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 26, line 63, delete "between".

In claim 29, column 35, line 32, delete the first and second instance of "a," and substitute --said-- for each instance.

In claim 29, column 35, line 36, delete "permeate-collection" and substitute --permeate collection--.

In claim 29, column 36, line 7, delete "between".

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